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1. Senator Hayden called and requested a list of membership and addresses of the President's Board of Consultants, which was furnished to him. He plans to send them copies of his views of the Mansfield Resolution. We discussed strategy on the Resolution, and Senator Hayden informed me he was planning to write separate letters to each of the sponsors of the Mansfield Resolution requesting them to study with care his views on the bill which appeared in Senate Report 1570. He informed me that he planned to talk to Senators Bridges and Knowland together with key members of the House but that he still felt that an effort should be made by the Administration to get the Republican leaders in line on this one.

2. The Director appeared before a Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee to discuss the CIA budget. Committee members present were: Cannon (Chairman), Mahon, Sheppard, Taber and Wigglesworth. Also present was Mr. Orscan of the Committee staff. Messrs. Dulles, Cabell, Helms, Amory, White, Saunders, [] and I were present for CIA. The hearing, which lasted for 3-1/2 hours, covered a wide variety of subjects. [] is preparing a detailed report.

Following the hearing, the Director briefed Messrs. Cannon and Taber on an important but highly sensitive project. The Chairman indicated that we would be called back for a second hearing because we had not been able to go into the budget in detail during this session.

Following the formal Committee meeting, the Committee held a private session at which Chairman Cannon enlisted their collected support in opposition to a resolution for a joint committee on CIA. He is planning to speak to Speaker Rayburn on the subject, and I believe it was agreed that Mr. Taber will discuss the matter with Joe Martin. I believe that all Members agreed to oppose any such bill, both on security grounds and on the grounds that the House always suffers whenever a joint committee is formed.